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SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND-SAN JOSE AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: JULY 2004 GROCERY PRICES RISE, WHILE GASOLINE PRICES DECLINE

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area grocery prices, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) food at home index, increased 0.9 percent for the month. Compared to one year ago, grocery prices were 3.8 percent higher. Regional Commissioner Richard J. Holden of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said that the food at home index now stands at 204.8. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area spent \$204.80 in July for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84. Local area CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.

The special aggregate index for energy declined 2.5 percent in July, yet rose 7.3 percent over the year. Gasoline prices were down 4.3 percent over the month. However, during the last twelve months they were 17.4 percent higher. The household fuels index edged up 0.1 percent for the month of July, but showed a 6.8 percent decline over the year. Within household fuels, prices for electricity were unchanged for the month, and prices were 8.3 percent lower than July 2003. The utility natural gas service index increased 0.2 percent in July 2004 yet was down 3.8 percent compared to one year earlier.

The shelter index inched down 0.1 percent over the month and decreased 1.1 percent compared to a year ago. Within shelter, rent of primary residence and owners' equivalent rent of primary residence were both unchanged for the month of July. These indexes have declined 0.3 and 0.8 percent, respectively, from one year ago. Also included in shelter, but not part of the publication structure, are price data collected for lodging away from home.

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose¹, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004
Expenditure category						
All items	-	199.0	-	-	-	-
All items (1967=100)	-	611.9	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	198.5	-	-	-	-
Food	-	198.3	-	-	-	-
Food at home	205.7	202.9	204.8	3.8	-0.4	0.9
Food away from home	-	192.8	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	-	204.8	-	-	-	-
Housing	-	220.9	-	-	-	-
Shelter	251.7	251.8	251.5	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Rent of primary residence ²	261.7	261.7	261.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	271.7	271.3	271.3	-0.8	-0.1	0.0
Fuels and utilities	-	189.8	-	-	-	-
Fuels	184.1	188.4	188.5	-6.8	2.4	0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	183.7	188.1	188.2	-7.1	2.4	0.1
Electricity ²	207.8	205.5	205.5	-8.3	-1.1	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service ²	162.8	176.1	176.4	-3.8	8.4	0.2
Household furnishings and operations	-	122.8	-	-	-	-
Apparel	-	111.7	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	151.7	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	-	144.2	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	172.3	175.2	168.3	17.4	-2.3	-3.9
Gasoline (all types)	171.3	175.7	168.2	17.4	-1.8	-4.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁴	170.8	174.9	167.2	18.1	-2.1	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{4 5}	160.3	164.7	157.7	16.0	-1.6	-4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁴	163.5	168.7	162.1	15.1	-0.9	-3.9
Medical care	-	291.1	-	-	-	-
Recreation ⁶	-	98.1	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ⁶	-	114.6	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	-	329.3	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose¹, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (Continued)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	May 2004	June 2004
Commodity and service group						
All items	-	199.0	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	156.0	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	129.7	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	-	151.0	-	-	-	-
Durables	-	108.4	-	-	-	-
Services	-	234.9	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	-	195.0	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	178.4	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	133.4	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	-	176.1	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	-	155.3	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter ³	-	224.6	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	231.1	-	-	-	-
Energy	179.5	182.9	178.4	7.3	-0.6	-2.5
All items less energy	-	202.7	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	204.0	-	-	-	-

¹ Includes - Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.